depend solely upon these conjectures, as I was not then allowed" to read the papers, so that I was totally in the dark with regard to the progress of the War. My conjectures also seemed to fit the occasion, and naturally enough ! believed the truth of what she said. And to be plain, it looked a matter of pity, even to me a rebellious subject of Her Majesty to find her ir that condition, bereft of all her Regal attire, with only a plain cotton Dhoti and a cotton jacket or blouse to serve for wearing apparel, and not even a pair of shoes to cover her bare feet. "Why are you here?** She next asked me. I informed her that I was a prisoner transported for life, convicted under the charge of "waging war against the King," She seemed not to consider this any very serious offence on my part and said, "Oh, that's nothing; you are free/* I did not understand the significance of an order of release, in this cprious way, but instead of saying anything offered my heartfelt gratitude for her kind consideration

towards me
and, making a short bow, took leave of her and
returned to my work.

Next follows an incident no less strange
and more interesting. It took place
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